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SCHOLARSHIP CLUB BEGINS MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN

A luncheon on April 1 will kick-off the President's Scholarship Club membership campaign. The purpose of the six-week campaign is to broaden the membership in the club. Current membership is 312. Nearly 90 new members joined the club during last year's campaign.

Leading the membership drive are Helm Lillis, president; Miss Virginia Irvine, vice president; and Robert Reintjes, secretary-treasurer. Instrumental in planning this year's campaign has been Edward Thornhill, retiring president of the club.

Campaign Workers

Taking part in the campaign are Bill Grigsby, Dr. Mary Heckman, Jack Huber, Sig Kuehn, Henry Malley, Tom F. McGee, Ed McGurren, Jerry Powell, Bob Reese, Jim Regan, Bob Schweiger, Pete Brake, Les Mika, Miss Doris Byers, Miss Margaret Davis, Miss

Janet Donahoo, Bob Everitt and Pat Gumerger. Also assisting are Mrs. Louis Borserine, Robert Caldwell, Jack Fallon, Mrs. John McMahon, Fred McCabe, Dick Ong, Barton Seney, Ron Bennett, John Bolin, Dick Hodes and John Sullivan. Completing the list of workers are Jack Kitchin, James Bliekhahn, William Fagan, Bud Massman, Jerry Meiners and Julian Knopke.

Club Aids Students

The annual dues of the president's Scholarship Club are used in their entirety to provide financial assistance to Avila students. Approximately 61% of Avila's students require assistance. Annual dues are \$50 for a regular membership, \$100 for a sustaining membership and \$1,000 for a perpetual membership. Members are entertained at an annual dinner on the campus and receive an engraved plaque when they join.

Seminars Announced For Campus Revisited

Campus Revisited IV will take place on April 9 with a broad range of seminars planned by faculty members. Topics will include effective communication between parents and adolescents, the nurse's role in community mental health, the rights of the consumer, ethics and behavior today, use of the metric system, success with household plants, insights into the matriarchal society of the Cuna Indians, and how to determine possible careers based on one's strengths and needs.

Free Babysitting

Participants choose one of several seminars in each of the two sessions held during the morning. Mass in the college chapel and a luncheon conclude the day. Free babysitting for children over two is a special feature of the alumni-sponsored program. There is a \$1 registration fee. Brochures and registration forms for Campus Revisited are available from the Public Relations Office of the college. The program is open to the public. Mrs. Moe Courville (Bobbie Hafner '58) is chairman of the event.

Social Work Program Receives Accreditation



James Arthur, a social work major, gives a ride to a friend during a day of field work.

The Avila College social work department has received accreditation from the Council on Social Work Education. This is the first time accreditation has been given to bachelor of arts programs across the country. Avila's was among the first group of social work programs to be nationally accredited.

Sisters To Be Honored
For Service to College



Standing from left are Sr. Felice, Sr. de La Salle and seated, Sr. Margaret Reinhart and Sr. Germaine.

Recognition of four Sisters who have given over 25 years' individual service to Avila will be made at the April 11 concert featuring Sr. Olive Louise Dallavis. The concert is free and is open to alumni, friends, faculty, staff and students.

To be honored are Sr. Felice Helmes, professor emerita of the speech and theatre department; Sr. Germaine Matter, chairman of the French department; Sr. de La Salle McKeon, chairman of the music department; and Sr. Margaret Reinhart, chairman of the art department.

Other Recognitions

Recognition will also be given to members of the Avila community who have been with the college for over 10 years. They include G. Richard Scott, academic dean; Sr. Anna Schlett, registrar; faculty members George Bryde, Sr. Marie Georgette Eschbacher, Norma Lewis, C. Kermit Phelps, Sr. Margaret John Purcell, Sr. Ann Dominic Tassone and Thomas Webster.

Ten-year staff members to be recognized are Catherine Dougherty, Marian Giesing, Arthur Schlumpberger and Sr. Rose Anthony Schmitt. Also being cited are Florence Beck and Dorothy Gallagher, professors emeritae.

Special Guests

The concert featuring Sr. Olive Louise, soprano, accompanied by Sr. de La Salle, is being given in gratitude to both members of the immediate college community and its community of supporters.

Special guests for the concert are the past Avila Medal of Honor recipients. A reception for invited guests will follow the concert.

This accreditation makes Avila's social work students eligible to enter the one-year master's program offered by a number of institutions. Accreditation carries with it recognition on the national level of the department's excellence.

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Summer Schedules Ready Now

It's not too early to begin thinking about summer. The schedule of summer classes at Avila is available now. Six and eight-week sessions will be offered with registrations on June 6 for classes beginning June 9, and on June 12 and 13 for classes beginning June 16. Both day and evening classes are scheduled. On-campus child care will be available Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Special sessions lasting from one to five weeks will also be offered during the summer session. The first special session will begin June 2.

Graduate Credit

Two courses in special education carrying graduate credit will be offered for the first time this summer. The criteria for admittance to these courses is available from the college. Applications should be requested in writing before April 25 and should be returned no later than May 15. The Graduate Committee will notify applicants of acceptance by May 30.

New Montessori Program

The Montessori Teacher Training Course will begin Aug. 11 with a new one-year program in addition to its two-year program. The one-year program is open only to those persons already holding a degree. Miss Lena Wikramaratne, directress of Avila's Montessori program who studied with Dr. Maria Montessori, will supervise the training courses.

FACULTY MEMBER STARS IN OPERA "SUSANNAH"

Gaylin Thomas, assistant professor of music at Avila, recently starred in the Fargo-Moorhead Civic Opera Company production of the American opera "Susannah" in Fargo, North Dakota, where he received reviews noting his "very strong performance."

Alumni Goal New Donors

The annual alumni support program is underway this spring with Miss Diana Trivalent '67 as chairman. The goal this year is to match the increase of 200 new donors which was experienced last year, thereby making the college eligible once again for a special grant of \$3,000 from an anonymous donor.

As part of the campaign, alumni will conduct a telethon in June to reach Kansas City area alumni. Monies raised in the annual program go to support academic programs and student services, provide scholarships and build a permanent library.

"The Mikado" To Open April 24

"The Mikado," a Gilbert and Sullivan operetta, will be presented by the fine arts department April 24-27 and May 1-4 in the Goppert Theatre. Evening performances are at 8 p.m. and Sunday matinees at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$3 for adults and \$1.75 for students. Groups of ten or more are entitled to special rates of \$2.25 for adults and \$1 for students. Reservations may be made by calling the box office at 942-8408.

Musical director of the production is Gaylin Thomas; stage director, Dr. William Louis. Playing "The Mikado" is William Buchanan; "Nanki-Poo," Larry Belger; "Yum-Yum," Susie McGuire; "Katsipa," Gerri Kinerk and "Ko-Ko," Bob Smith. The cast includes actors, singers and musicians from the Kansas City area as well as Avila students.

Mr. Thomas accomplished the feat of appearing in the production while teaching his classes at Avila by taping his rehearsals and traveling to Fargo on weekends. He has appeared locally with the Lyric Opera.



Annual Music Festival Draws From Diocese

The 30th Annual Avila-Diocesan Music Festival attracted over 2,500 high school and elementary children to the campus in mid-March. Students from the Kansas City-St. Joseph Diocese participated in instrumental solos and ensembles, elementary choral groups, high school choral groups, vocal ensembles and solos, and organ and piano solos.

Winners Concert

A Festival Concert featuring the most outstanding performers heard during the March festival will be held in the Goppert Theatre on Sunday, April 6, at 4 p.m. The concert is open to the public for an admission fee of \$1 for adults and 50c for children.

The Music Festival Committee is under the chairmanship of Sr. de La Salle. Working with Sister are the Rev. Ambrose Karels, Robert Thompson, Mrs. Colette Dennihan, the Rev. C. Duane Ryan and William McMurray.

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